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## TransAlta cheated, ruling says

### UTILITIES

### Commission finds truth in antitrust claim



**Tim Querengesser**  
Metro | Edmonton

Calgary's TransAlta "deliberately" took actions that had an "anti-competitive purpose" and could have made the private company up to \$100 million, according to a mammoth, 217-page decision released Monday by the Alberta Utilities Commission.

In 2011, Market Surveillance Administrator (MSA), an electricity-market watchdog in Alberta, filed antitrust allegations against TransAlta, a privately owned electricity-generation company with facilities across Canada and the U.S.

Those allegations stemmed from TransAlta's decision in 2010 and 2011 to shut down all six of its coal-generation plants for maintenance for several days during peak electricity demand in Alberta.

That decision ultimately saw the price consumers paid for electricity spike.

MSA alleged that TransAlta's shutdowns were timed to have a positive effect on electricity prices — though, in February,

TransAlta argued that its actions "would not attract any anti-trust scrutiny under the Competition Act in Canada."

But in its ruling Monday, the Commission found TransAlta "engaged in this conduct for an anticompetitive purpose" and, further, that this behaviour was "deliberate."

Yet while the ruling may seem like a win for Alberta consumers, David Gray, president of Gray Energy Economics and the former executive director of the Utilities Consumer Advocate with the Alberta government, said it has only materialized because other electricity companies may have been harmed.

"I'm no more ticked off than I was before," Gray said after reading the ruling. "The long and the short is (deregulation) has given companies the opportunity and the ability to drive up the price of power in non-competitive ways."

Gray argued that it came to light because the price affected others inside the electricity market. "If it had only affected customers, it wouldn't have been an issue."

The phrase "price fixing" does not appear in the ruling.

Jim Law, a spokesman with the Commission, said the ruling is the first of several phases. Next will be the penalty phase, though TransAlta still has the right to appeal.



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# Bylaw changes to make taxi fare evasion costly


**PENALTIES**  
**Infractions can now cost offenders up to \$1,000**



Running out on a cab fare or interfering with a taxi's security camera can now land you a \$1,000 fine in Calgary, after city council approved bylaw changes Monday.

The move came the same day that police announced charges against a man for allegedly doing both of those things.

Jeffrey Thomas Gasson, 32, was arrested Sunday and charged in relation to an April incident in which a cab driver


**If the public gets more educated about these things, it's better for the drivers.**

Rupinder Gill, president of Calgary United Cabs

was slapped and the vehicle's security camera was torn off before a pair of patrons ran off without paying.

Previously, taxi fare evasion had to be pursued as a criminal charge, but the new bylaw will mean penalties can be levied without involving police.

Rupinder Gill, president of Calgary United Cabs, welcomed the city's move, saying many cabbies don't bother reporting fare evasions — and even some assaults — because they believe it's a low priority for police.

"A lot of us in our industry, we just take it and never report it because nobody helps us," he said.

Empowering bylaw officers to also pursue charges should improve the situation, Gill added, especially if taxi patrons are aware of the new penalties.


"If the public gets more educated about these things, it's better for the drivers," he said.

The fines range from \$500 to \$1,000 for fare evasion and from \$200 to \$1,000 for obscuring the view of a taxi camera so it can't record all occupants of the cab.

"They are consistent with the other fines we currently levy in the Livery Transport Services Bylaw," said Mario Henriques, the city's chief livery inspector. "And we do get a great deal of support from the courts in those fine amounts."



Rupinder Gill is president of and a driver for Calgary United Cabs. METRO FILE


**UBER RISKS**

If you plan to use ride-sharing services such as Uber, the province says you need to understand the risks.

Under current Alberta law, Albertans run the risk of not having access to insurance protection and

accident benefits with Uber and potentially other ride-sharing services.

The Alberta Superintendent of Insurance office warns drivers may believe Uber's own supplemental insurance provides the ne-

cessary coverage. However, this isn't currently the case in Alberta.

They say passengers using ride-sharing services should always ask for proof of commercial insurance from their driver.

**COUNCIL**

## Paskapoo Slopes project approved

Calgary city council approved 16 amendments to the proposed Paskapoo Slopes development Monday before giving the project the final go-ahead.

The amendments are aimed at improving pedestrian access and more strictly ensuring environmental protection, pathway connectivity, wildlife corridor contiguity, and respect for the historic, aboriginal connection to the land.

Coun. Ward Sutherland, whose northwest Ward 1 includes the slopes, noted the developer agreed to the changes, which he said will help create "the best development possible that respects all these different aspects."

"These amendments come from what we hear in the public realm, and we're listening," Sutherland said. "This is an excellent result of co-operation in coming up with an end product."

Mayor Naheed Nenshi, along with Couns. Druh Farrell and Brian Pincott, voted in favour of the amendments but against final readings of bylaws clearing the way for the project to proceed.

In the end, the bylaws were approved by a 12-3 vote, by the same division as on first reading last week.

Farrell said last week's "very emotional" public hearing over a piece of land many people "believe is precious" influenced her position. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO



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## PUBLIC TRANSIT

# What's next after \$1.53B for Green Line?



**Robson Fletcher**  
Metro | Calgary

Even after the federal government announced Friday it would devote \$1.53 billion from its Public Transit Fund to help build the Green Line of Calgary's LRT system, the city must still prepare a detailed application for the money.

"We have to put in an application, so, we're going to start that conversation this week," transportation general manager Mac Logan told city councillors Monday.

He noted the city still hasn't seen any specific guidelines for applying to the relatively new fund, which was announced in broad strokes in the spring budget, then fleshed out with more details in June.

"We're going to have to build a team with city staff and with private sector staff, just to get through the application process, let alone the construction," Logan said. "So, we've started to map that out."

To qualify for the Public Transit Fund, projects must be carried out as public-private partnerships and Logan said city staff members have a meeting set for later this

week with PPP Canada, a federal Crown corporation that oversees such deals.

"Now that this has become a reality, we will have a different urgency to all the things that have started over the last two years," Logan said.

The Green Line of the LRT system would run all the way from north central Calgary to the deep southeast and has a rough price tag in the range of \$4 billion to \$5 billion.



Emma Greeve said she likes her expanded earlobes but isn't sure how she'll feel about them in the future.

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## Lobe surgery on the rise

### BODY MODIFICATION

### Surgeons drumming up work on stretched ears



**Andrea Ross**  
Metro | Edmonton

The skin holding the large, round plugs in each of Emma Greeve's earlobes is so stretched and puckered it will likely never shrink back on its own.

An inch in diameter, the statement earrings don't bother the 19-year-old right now. Greeve never had a problem with the look at her former job as an auto wrecker, and doesn't expect any issues as she pursues a career as a dog groomer.

But Greeve hasn't ruled out surgical intervention yet, though her older sister backed out of paying \$4,000 to revert her lobes — also with plugs — back to normal as it was too expensive.

And Greeve doesn't mince words about her ears, sans plugs. "I describe them as cat butts. They're just saggy; you can see right through them. But I did this to myself, so I

kind of have to live with it now," she said.

"I'm happy with them now, but maybe one day I'll change my mind."

A common procedure just a few years ago, earlobe stretching is a "dying" trend, Atomic Zombie piercer Aliya Schwengler said. While it costs only the price of the initial piercing, some skin softening wax and each change of earring with an increased gauge, the cost of reversing the modification is significantly higher.

Calgary facial cosmetic surgeon Dr. Kristina Zakhary does between one and two surgeries a week to return stretched earlobes to their normal size.

Performed under local anesthesia, the surgery ranges in price from \$1,500 to \$1,900, and more for complicated cases.

Because it's considered a cosmetic surgery, it's rarely covered by medical insurance.

Despite Alberta's economic downturn, clients aren't just looking for the surgery to improve their job prospects, Zakhary said.

"People ... just get tired of it after some time," she said. "But after surgery, there's very little noticeable incision or scars."

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# Calgary gift-givers spreading the love

## FINDERS KEEPERS

### Beyond spirit of giving, founder aims to connect the community

**Jeremy Simes**  
For Metro

There are no losers or weepers in this finders keepers game.

As a lesson in giving for her seven-year-old and five-year-old daughters, Jen — who requested to have her last name withheld — has been placing little boxes of goodies around the city for Calgarians to keep.

The idea began when Jen's kids wanted to deliver charming notes to their neighbours. But she wanted to take it a step further and plunk colourful boxes in random spots around Calgary for

strangers to open.

If you stumble across a box, you'll find a \$10 giftcard to a local business and a note that reads, "Dear you, I hope you enjoy this gift card and have a nice day! Love, me."

You'll also find a blank piece of paper inside. That means it's time for you to write a delightful note to someone you know, Jen said.

"We hope that someone's day is brightened by it," she said. "They're encouraged to keep the pay-it-forward theme going by writing a letter to brighten someone else's day."

On top of teaching the spirit of giving, Jen said the boxes are a way to connect the community.

In fact, many have offered to help with the Finders Keepers Project by reaching out through social media.

That's been a bit fortuitous, she said.

"I'm surprised that anyone took notice of this, let alone



**I'm surprised that anyone took notice of this, let alone is offering to get behind it.**

Jen, founder of the Finders Keepers Project

is offering to get behind it," she said. "Lots of people love the idea."

As a result, businesses have been offering to donate gift cards to the project.

However, Jen said she won't turn down offers but isn't looking for donations — she wants the message of giving to remain prominent over the gifts' monetary value.

"I think it helps (my kids) to learn gratitude, which I think is an extremely important value," she said. "Because without it, they will never appreciate anything that they do have."



The daughter of Finders Keepers gift-giver, Jen. They're leaving little surprises around the city for Calgarians to find.

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## ROYAL COMMISSION

### Council divided on call for inquiry

**Robson Fletcher**  
Metro | Calgary

Calgary city council agreed unanimously Monday to look for specific ways to act on the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission but was divided on whether to call for an inquiry into murdered and missing indigenous women.

An expensive and lengthy "Royal Commission" looking into the prevalence of violence against aboriginal females is "not needed," said Coun. Diane Colley-Urquhart.

She cited a report from the RCMP that suggests the clearance rate on homicides of indigenous women is comparable to that of the general population and noted the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) doesn't support a national inquiry.

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# City ready to address its accessibility issues

## COUNCIL

### Review to be completed by fall of 2016



**Robson Fletcher**  
Metro | Calgary

Calgary will undertake a review of how accessible the city actually is for people with mobility impairments after council voted in favour of a plan proposed by Coun. Druh Farrell.

"This is just one example of how we can do better," Farrell said during Monday's council meeting, while displaying a photo of a city sidewalk partially obstructed by several trees, a lamppost, a bike rack, a utility box, and a sandwich board advertisement. The route presents an effective

obstacle course for people using mobility scooters and a potential minefield for people with vision impairments, she noted.

"This is something we would never do in a travel lane for vehicles," Farrell said. "And yet, we do it all the time for sidewalks."

The example is just one of many the Ward 8 councillor said should be addressed more systematically, noting an initial report from city staff on the accessibility of public buildings came back with surprisingly poor results.



**I think we can do better.**

Coun. Druh Farrell

"Sadly, that we have many public buildings that are not accessible," Farrell said. "I think we can do better."

By 2019, she said an estimated 200,000 Calgarians will be living with limited mobility so the city should act now. City staff are to report back to council on the matter by fall 2016.



Navigating sidewalks like the one pictured are just one challenge people with disabilities face in Calgary each day according to Coun. Druh Farrell. CONTRIBUTED

## COLLISION

### Man killed in Highway 22 crash

A 48-year-old Edmonton man was killed in a two-vehicle collision on Highway 22 Monday afternoon, according to Cochrane RCMP, who closed the highway in both directions.

Police and paramedics responded to the crash site just south of the Trans-Canada Highway at about 1:10 p.m.

Paramedics found seven people, in total, involved in the collision.

Six people were travelling in a pickup truck, including

two young girls under the age of five who were taken to the Alberta Children's Hospital.

Police said the truck was southbound and just coming over the Trans-Canada overpass when the northbound car made a U-turn in front of it.

The truck slammed into the driver's-side door of the car, killing the driver, according to the RCMP investigation.

Neither alcohol nor speed are considered factors in the crash. METRO



## IN BRIEF

### Russell Brown named to Supreme Court of Canada

Alberta Court of Appeal Justice Russell Brown has been appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced the decision in a statement late today. Brown will take over from Justice Marshall Rothstein, who is retiring as of Aug. 31. A member of the bars of both British Col-

umbia and Alberta, Brown currently sits in Edmonton, where he also serves as an appeal judge for both the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. He has also served as a member of the Court of Queen's Bench.

Brown will be the second member of the high court from western Canada, the other being Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin.

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## MANCHESTER

## Have tent, will tutor, Canadian student says

A Canadian student's unorthodox pitch to save money on his university education is helping a British woman to obtain her high school credentials.

Evan Eames's master's studies at the University of Manchester were set to cost the Montreal resident more than \$30,000 in tuition fees alone, sending him on the hunt for frugal accommodations.

The avid camper thought pitching a tent in someone's backyard would solve his problem, and so he took to the Internet in search of a landlord.

He found one in Charley Mantack, a Manchester resident who offered to let him pitch his tent on her property in exchange for tutoring in math and science.

Eames spent about three hours a week helping her with her high school equivalency course work. Final exam results are due next month, but Mantack was posting A's in her classes and expects to graduate.

Eames said the inconvenience of living in sporadically damp or cold conditions was balanced by the fresh air and

fun of doing something a little out of the ordinary.

"It started out as mainly an economic function, but very quickly it turned into something that I was genuinely enjoying," the 25-year-old said in a telephone interview.

A long-term camp-out was not part of Eames's initial plan when he decided to complete his master's degree outside of Canada.

The British citizenship he enjoys courtesy of his father, he thought, would be sufficient to secure tuition rates more in line with what he would have paid if he remained in Canada.

But after discovering that international rates applied to anyone who had not lived in the country for at least three years, Eames was forced to get creative.

The time he'd previously spent globetrotting on a student budget had made him comfortable with life in a nylon shelter.

Mantack said she plans to go on to university, where she hopes to follow her tutor's lead by studying science.

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Evan Eames in a selfie. THE CANADIAN PRESS HANDOUT

# Pilot rescued from ice floe

## ARCTIC

## Russian aviator picked up 32 hours after chopper crash

A Russian helicopter pilot survived a crash of his small helicopter into frigid Arctic waters by scrambling into a life raft and then spending over 30 hours awaiting rescue on an ice floe, military officials said Monday.

Sergey Ananov was on a solo, around-the-world journey in his single-engine aircraft and was about halfway between Iqualuit and Greenland when his Robinson R22 helicopter ditched in the Davis Strait on Saturday afternoon.

Rear Admiral John Newton says the search and rescue coordination centre was notified after an on-board beacon indicated Ananov's single-seat aircraft had descended to sea level and stopped moving.

The admiral said the 49-year-old sociologist and journalist had his life raft close at hand and his survival suit was on as it hit the water.

"It's wet, it's cold, he has some polar bear neighbours who are very interested in his whereabouts. He has quite a survival story."

Newton said Ananov fired off flares but they couldn't be seen in the cloudy, misty conditions by rescue aircraft and helicopters that had been dispatched to the scene.

However, early on Mon-



Pilot Sergey Ananov spent more than 30 hours on an ice floe awaiting rescue. FACEBOOK/SERGEY ANANOV/THE CANADIAN PRESS



### He has quite a survival story.

Rear Admiral John Newton

day morning a watchkeeper with the coast guard vessel Pierre Radisson, which had set out from Frobisher Bay to find the lost aviator, spotted one of

the flares fired from the floe.

The vessel sent its helicopter to retrieve Ananov, who by then had been on the ice approximately 32 hours.

The admiral said the military search centre worked on the

assumption that Ananov was alive, but knew that the extreme cold posed risks as the hours went by.

"We never gave up on him. There's a combined story of his tale of woe and the determined search by search and rescue ... the coast guard should be proud of what they achieved today," said Newton.

Capt. Wayne Jarvis, who was working at the search and rescue centre, said it's believed the cause of the crash was a mechanical problem.

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## EVE ADAMS

## Defeat called 'a favour'

Liberals who helped defeat Eve Adams in her bid to run as the party's candidate in a Toronto riding said Monday they've done Justin Trudeau "a big favour."

Adams had been seeking the Liberal nomination in Eglington-Lawrence, where she would have faced off against her former fellow Conservative caucus mate, Finance Minister Joe Oliver.

But Adams, who was welcomed into the Liberal fold by Trudeau in February after she had a falling out with the Tories, was handily defeated by Marco Mendicino in a weekend nomination vote.

"I think we did Trudeau a big favour by bringing in and having a candidate here who really is a genuine Liberal," said Mike Colle, a Liberal who represents the riding in the Ontario legislature.

But Trudeau will likely continue to be shadowed by the Adams defection throughout the campaign in advance of the Oct. 19 federal election, said University of Toronto political science professor Peter Loewen.

"I think it was a mistake for (Trudeau) ever to invite her in," Loewen said.

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Wooden silhouettes representing missing people dot the landscape during a ceremony to remember the missing and to kick off a search effort in a landfill on the outskirts of Medellin, Colombia, on Monday. LUIS BENAVIDES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Colombia starts quest

LA ESCOMBRERA

## 300 people believed to be entombed in urban landfill

The last contact Margarita Restrepo had with her daughter was a hurried phone call on Oct. 25, 2002. The school day was over and 17-year-old Carol Vanesa was going to meet friends at a metro stop near the sprawling Comuna 13 hillside slum.

Restrepo and her children had fled the violent Medellin neighbourhood a few days earlier, right before it was taken over by thousands of Colombian soldiers trying to ferret out leftist rebels. She begged the girl not to risk returning there, but the teen went anyway. Neither she nor her two friends have been seen again and, to this day, nobody knows who is responsible for their disappearance.

Thirteen years later, Restrepo and dozens of others who have missing loved ones are closer than ever to closure thanks to a project to remove 24,000 cubic metres of rubble from La Escombrera, a debris landfill on Medellin's outskirts where the remains of as many as 300 people are believed to have been dumped during one of the darkest chapters of Colombia's long-running civil conflict.

At a ceremony Monday to remember the missing and kick off the search effort, officials joined more than 100 women who dressed in white and carried black, plastic silhouettes to represent their loved ones. After years of silence on the part of the government and much of society, supporters of the families welcomed the start of the work.

Human rights activists say La Escombrera could prove to be the largest mass grave ever found in Colombia and the dig represents a glimmer of hope that justice will be realized.

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INDIA

## 10 killed in extended gun battle

Indian forces fought an extended gun battle Monday with militants who attacked a moving bus and stormed into a police station in a northern town bordering Pakistan, with 10 people killed in the violence, officials said.

The attackers killed four policemen and three civilians in the pre-dawn attack in Punjab state, said Harcharan Singh Bains, a state government spokesman.

All three of the attackers died in fighting with Indian police

officers backed by army personnel that lasted about 12 hours, said the state's director-general of police, Sumedh Singh Saini.

The militants hijacked a car and then fired at the bus and a roadside eatery before attacking a police station near Gurdaspur, a border town in Punjab, police said.

Eight injured people were hospitalized, seven of them in serious condition, the Press Trust of India news agency reported.

Police are investigating wheth-

er the militants came from the Indian portion of Kashmir, which borders Punjab, or from Pakistan. Rebels routinely stage attacks in Indian-held Kashmir, where they've been fighting since 1989 for an independent Kashmir or its merger with Pakistan.

Pakistan's foreign ministry condemned the attack. "Pakistan reiterates its condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations," it said in a statement.

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### IN BRIEF

#### More women orgasming

Young women are reaching orgasm at a rate that's getting competitive with that of their male counterparts, according to a U.S. survey conducted by condom manufacturing company Ansell.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Time an issue in solving Bobbi Kristina Brown case

Medical examiners performing an autopsy on Bobbi Kristina Brown said Monday their initial findings turned up no obvious cause of death, while experts said the months that have passed since Brown was found face-down in a

bathtub are working against authorities now tasked with solving how she died.

The Fulton County Medical Examiner's Office said in a statement Monday afternoon that it will likely be several weeks before it can rule on a manner and cause of death for the 22-year-old daughter of Whitney Houston. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





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GREECE

## Ex-minister had secret exit plan

The Greek government was poised Monday for the imminent start of intricate bailout discussions but faced rebuke following revelations that former finance minister, Yanis Varoufakis, formed a secret committee to plan for the possible conversion of euros into drachmas "at a drop of a hat."

While the final touches were being put in place for the start of technical talks in Athens, a recording of Varoufakis discussing a parallel currency plan was made public.

Opposition parties have criticized Varoufakis and have urged Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras to explain to lawmakers what he knew of his former finance minister's actions.

In the recording of a telephone briefing for investors on July 16 in the wake of his resignation days earlier, Varoufakis claimed he and a childhood friend who was a computer expert hacked into his ministry's computer systems as a first step to creating "a parallel banking system" in case Greek banks were shuttered.

In theory, a parallel system



**Yanis Varoufakis**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

formed from the effective cloning of tax accounts would have allowed the finance ministry to continue payments in the form of so-called IOUs.

Varoufakis said he had been authorized by Tsipras to undertake the planning prior to the general election in January when the radical left Syriza party swept to power.

And he insisted that his actions were legal, in the public interest and aimed at keeping the country in the 19-country eurozone.

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# Tim Hortons reviews in-store TV screens

RESTAURANTS

## Activists and oil industry clash over ad on Tims TV

Executives at Tim Hortons are reconsidering whether it's worth the risk of flavouring your coffee break with potential controversy.

After the restaurant chain was dragged into a clash between environmentalists and oil-industry supporters last month, Daniel Schwartz, CEO of Tim Hortons' parent company Restaurant Brands, said Monday the company is reviewing its Tims TV in-store digital screens.

"We're now taking a look at the whole Tims TV program and what makes sense for the brand," said Schwartz in an interview.

"As with many things in the restaurant, we explore what's



**Tim Hortons executives are reviewing Tims TV after Enbridge ads running on the in-store digital screens last month dragged the restaurant chain into a clash between environmentalists and oil-industry supporters.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

best from time to time."

The review comes after Tim Hortons was put in the hot seat

for giving advertisement space to pipeline giant Enbridge on its in-store digital screens.

The commercials angered environmentalists who launched an online petition to get them pulled. When Tim Hortons yanked the Enbridge ads, some oil-sector supporters called it an insult to one of Canada's biggest industries and launched their own boycott.

The conflict showed the potential dangers of a brand as recognizable as Tim Hortons selling ad space to companies that could rankle its customers.

The coffee-and-doughnut chain began experimenting with Tims TV last year before rolling out screens at restaurants across the country. The company described Tims TV as its own version of a community space, serving as a home for the latest news, weather, local events and branded videos.

But the thrust of the concept was to pocket revenue from what's essentially a billboard inside the restaurants.

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### IN BRIEF

#### German businesses feel more confident

Business confidence in Germany, Europe's biggest economy, has risen unexpectedly this month as worries over Greece have subsided, a closely watched survey showed Monday. The Ifo think-tank's monthly confidence index

increased to 108 points for July from 107.5 in June. Economists had expected a slight decline to 107.2, which would have been a third consecutive drop. The German economy has been helped lately by low unemployment and increasing domestic demand.

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# Weaving her way up the charts

## TOUR

## L.A. singer Ryn Weaver revels in life on the road

**Caroline MacNeille**  
For Metro

Ryn Weaver is spending the summer in a way most 22-year-olds only dream of — touring the country to play music from her debut album, *The Fool*.

After dropping out of NYU in 2013, Weaver moved back to California where she connected with Benny Blanco, a producer who has worked with such pop luminaries as Katy Perry, Kesha and Maroon 5 in the past.

After the success of the resulting EP, she hit the festival circuit, with stops at Coachella, SXSW and Bonnaroo. This summer, she's loving connecting with fans on her first solo tour.

### Her first tour

"It's been really freaking wild," Weaver says. "The first show I played was this sold-out show in a town where I have a lot of family and friends, and L.A. was sold out, too. I think when you're playing at festivals

it's really fun, but it's a lot about winning new fans and having people listen to your music because they wandered over."

Currently in the middle of a tour spanning the U.S. and Canada, Weaver says the connection she makes with fans at solo shows has been very meaningful.

"Every single person at these shows is there because they care about my lyrics and what I'm saying and they all know all the words and they relate. So it's a very comforting experience. It's been very fun for me."

### Concept albums

Weaver, who was involved in theatre growing up, might have been inspired by her experiences there — she created the album to be listened to all in one sitting, like a play.



**Every single person at these shows is there because they care about my lyrics and what I'm saying.**

Ryn Weaver, singer, on connecting with fans during her first solo tour

"I believe in concept albums," she says. "There's something beautiful to be said about pop stars, and the breadth of catchy music that sometimes doesn't even go together but is such a good time anyway. As much as I love that and respect people who can achieve that, I think that I'm naturally a bit more of a storyteller."

That can mean spending a little more time with what she's working on.

"A lot of my favourite artists took their time to make different records. They would fall off the map a bit and come back. So a lot of the music I was listening to always felt like it was coming from a very specific world."

### Music videos

To date, Weaver has put out two videos: one for her breakout hit *OctaHate* and one for her album's namesake, *The Fool*. Both are esthetic and evocative, featuring unusual, vivid settings (an old house, a gorgeous field) to immerse the viewer in her world. "I always have ideas (for videos) in my head as I write songs. I kind of see the theatre of it."

For these videos, Weaver found inspiration close by.

In *OctaHate*, that's my best friend Hayley, and we actually came together as friends because of the person the song was written about.

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"To me, it represented way more than us having a food fight at the table. It was about overcoming the journey of the mourning process. There's a final hug at the end. It's about how you wrestle with grief and mourning."

### Starring roles

Although Weaver is achieving serious success as a musician, she once attended NYU as an acting student.

"Every single form of art is beneficial to another one. In acting, you get to study characters and you get to understand. It's an empathetic art form. It's almost anthropological. I love it."

Ultimately, she moved back to California to pursue music, finding that the West Coast suits her better.

"I love the East Coast, but a number of the (acting) methods break people down to bring them back up. I kind of believe in nurturing the natural side of you that has those qualities. Sometimes I think technique can crush creativity a bit."



Ryn Weaver performs at the Bonnaroo Arts and Music Festival on June 11 in Manchester, Tenn. JASON MERRITT/GETTY IMAGES

## RUSH

# '40 years is a long time to ... be in a rock band with the same guys'

## SOUND CHECK

**Alan Cross**



I'm standing onstage at the MGM Grand Garden with Lorne Wheaton, the guy Rush's Neil Peart trusts with his drum kits.

"This set," he says, pointing to the kit that Peart has been using for the first half of each show on their 40th anniversary tour known as R40, "is made from an oak tree that was dredged out of the River Olt in Romania. It was carbonated to 1,500 years old. The guys at DW (Neil's preferred drum maker) turned it into this. Amazing, right?"

Lorne spoke of his boss with awe and respect. But and other Rush employees are facing an uncertain future. They know something is going to happen

this coming Saturday night. When the lights go up at the end of the show at the LA Forum, the last stop on R40, that might be the last time we ever see Rush onstage.

A Canada — a world — without Rush seems almost inconceivable, but that's exactly what fans may be facing. The band has pushed pause on their career a couple of times in the past, but this time, things look

serious. Very serious. There have been rumblings for months that this is definitely *The End*.

If they wanted to, Rush could extend the R40 tour for months, hitting North American cities they've missed (Winnipeg, Cleveland, Pittsburgh) and returning to cities for additional dates (Toronto, Los Angeles) before heading to across the Atlantic. A European tour would be insanely profitable.

But 40 years is a long time for anyone to do anything, let alone be in a rock band with the same guys playing the same songs, so you can understand why retirement might seem inviting. And it's tempting to go out on top before things start to go pear-shaped. After so many years, you want to leave a legacy that's remembered fondly.

Money? Not an issue. Revenues have been staggeringly

good. In addition to raking in millions over the last couple of tours, Rush sold their publishing catalogue for \$20 million. No one, and no heir, is going to go without.

It all comes down to a choice we all hope to have at some point in our lives: Do I really want to do this anymore? There are two more shows left on the tour. After Saturday, we'll see what Rush decides.



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# Black goes totally YouTube

MICHAEL IAN BLACK

## The State star is stoked to play SMOSH villain



**Ned Ehrbar**  
Metro | Life

The State and Wet Hot American Summer star Michael Ian Black gets in on the YouTube generation's fun with SMOSH: The Movie, playing eccentric billionaire villain Steve YouTube, who sends the SMOSH guys (Ian Hecox and Anthony Padilla) literally into the Internet to try to undo an embarrassing viral video. And Black, as it turns out, has a handy trick for playing that type of character.

### How do you get into the head space of a character like Steve YouTube?

You just act a little bit like a dick, and that's easy for me. I'm just wired to be a little bit of a dick.

### It works for you, I think.

Thanks (laughs). I've based an entire

career on it.

**What do you make of the whole YouTube thing?**

Well, I certainly support the ability to create content and put it out there and have people watch it, and YouTube is the premium platform for that. So I guess I'm a big fan.

### If you'd had this kind of platform when you were starting out with The State, how different do you think things would have been?

The ability to just create stuff and find an audience so easily probably would have changed everything ... But who knows what the result of that would've been, whether it would've been better or worse.

### You could argue a lot of the popular YouTube stuff owes a lot to The State.

Unquestionably, nobody would be where they are were it not for me. I mean me singularly. Just me.

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Michael Ian Black, left, as Steve YouTube in SMOSH: The Movie. CONTRIBUTED

### That's fair. Very humble.

I'm trying to keep it as modest as I possibly can.

### You've got a lot of TV projects going right now. Why are you

### on everything?

Well, I'm on three. And it's a result of probably poor or maybe good timing and not any resurgence or renaissance in my career. I don't think. I think my career is

still safely in the toilet. That's the hope.

### Is that where you're looking to stay?

Well, it's comfortable.

## + WET HOT AMERICAN SUMMER

### Netflix turns the cult classic into a new series

A prequel to the 2001 sleeper hit, Wet Hot American Summer: First Day of Camp will make Netflix subscribers very happy campers starting July 31.

The original cast is reunited for eight episodes of goofy hilarity centred on camp counsellor rivalries, summer trysts and the usual scatological gags.

Fourteen years later, the once unknown cast have all become bankable stars. Bradley Cooper, Paul Rudd, Amy Poehler, Elizabeth Banks and Christopher Meloni, to name a few, reprise their original roles for the reunion, which takes them back to their first day at Camp Firewood.

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## SERIES PREMIERE

# I Am Cait recapped

After weeks of sneak peeks, I Am Cait finally premiered Sunday night on E! If you got caught up in watching Kanye drop his mic at the Pan Am closing ceremony, here are all the juicy scenes from Cait's first episode.

### Caitlyn sees her Vanity Fair cover for the first time

In the first few moments in I Am Cait, Caitlyn sees the cover, the cameras capturing her immediate reaction.

### Caitlyn's mom gets honest

Caitlyn's mom and two sisters come to visit, the first time they are seeing each other since the transformation, and Caitlyn's mom doesn't hold back, includ-

ing asking about a verse on the Bible condemning dressing up in another gender's clothes.

### Kim lends fashion advice

Kanye West and a pregnant Kim Kardashian stop by and Kim heads straight to Caitlyn's closet. She doesn't hold back about what Caitlyn needs to ditch. Plus, she pulls out a dress that Kris Jenner also has. Talk about awkward!

### Real trans issues addressed

Caitlyn spends the afternoon with the family of a trans 14-year-old who committed suicide, and scenes for upcoming episodes feature her going to support groups and addressing important issues.

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## BROKEN PROMISE — AN EXCERPT IN FOUR PARTS BY LINWOOD BARCLAY



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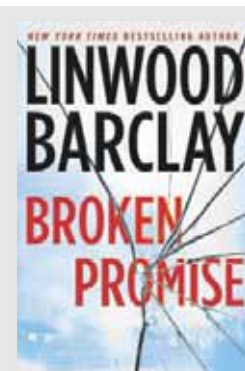
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### Something dark has infected Promise Falls

Bestselling thriller author Linwood Barclay returns this month with Broken Promise (Doubleday, July 28, \$22.95), the first book in an explosive new trilogy.

When we left David yesterday, he had gone to visit his cousin Marla, who has miscarried just 10 months earlier. David is disturbed when he finds Marla feeding a baby that she claims was brought to her by an angel.

**The dog made a beeline for the fence when she caught a whiff of it. Duckworth steeled himself. He'd seen a few dead people over the years.**



The name of the caller came up on Promise Falls Detective Barry Duckworth's screen. "Oh, no," he said. "Randall Finley." The former mayor.

"Yeah," Duckworth said. "Hey, where are you?" Finley asked. "You in your car? Swing by Clappett Park. South end. By the path. There's something here you should see."

Barry Duckworth sighed.

"Fine."

"I'll meet you at the park entrance. I got my dog with me. That's how I came across it. I was taking her for a walk."

"It?"

"Just get over here."

"Took you long enough," Finley said as Barry got out of his unmarked cruiser.

"I don't work for you," he said.

"Sure you do. I'm a taxpayer."

Finley was dressed in a pair of comfort-fit jeans, running shoes, and a light jacket that he'd

zipped up to his neck. "What did you find?"

"It's this way. I could just let Bipsie off the lead and we could follow her."

"No," Duckworth said. "Whatever you've found I don't want Bipsie messing with."

"Oh, yeah, of course," Finley said. "So, how ya been? You lost weight? You're looking good."

"What'd you find, Randy?"

"You just have to see it, is all. Must have happened overnight, because I walk along here with Bipsie a couple times a day — early in the morning, and before I go to bed. The dog made a beeline for the fence when she caught a whiff of it."

Duckworth steeled himself. He'd seen a few dead people over the years, and figured he'd see plenty more before he retired.

Finley pointed. "There, on the fence. Pretty weird, huh? It's a goddamn massacre. You ever seen anything like this before?"

Duckworth said nothing, but the answer was no, he had not. Randall said, "If it had been just one body, or even two, sure, I wouldn't have called. But look how many there are. There's twenty-three of them."

Duckworth counted them himself. Randy was right. One short of two dozen.

Twenty-three dead squirrels. Eleven gray ones, twelve black. Each one with a length of white string, the kind used to secure parcels, knotted tightly around its neck, and hung from the horizontal metal pole that ran across the top of the fence.

"I got no love for them," Finley said. "Tree rats, I call them. But there's gotta be a law against that, right? Even though they're just squirrels?"

**In tomorrow's excerpt:** David tries to find out more about where Marla got the baby.

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*Summer*



**Cleveland coach Mike Pettine says QB Johnny Manziel is behind Josh McCown for the starting job**

## IN BRIEF

### Cavs sign Dellavedova for next season

Matthew Dellavedova has hustled his way back to the Cavaliers.

Dellavedova, who emerged as an unlikely post-season hero when all-star guard Kyrie Irving was injured, signed a \$1.2-million contract for next season on Monday.

He had been a restricted free agent, and although the Cavs signed Mo Williams this summer to be Irving's primary backup, the team wanted to keep Dellavedova because of the energy he brings off the bench. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Warner given more time in fight to avoid extradition

A court is giving former FIFA vice-president Jack Warner more time to fight being extradited from Trinidad & Tobago to the United States to face corruption charges.

A chief magistrate on Monday set a new hearing date of Aug. 28 after a government lawyer requested more time to examine the extradition request from the U.S. Justice Department. The U.S. sent its request last week.

Warner is resisting extradition on U.S. charges of racketeering, wire fraud and money laundering in the FIFA corruption case. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Preds lock up Wilson with four-year contract

The Nashville Predators announced the signing of forward Colin Wilson to a four-year contract worth \$15.75 million on Monday.

The 25-year-old Wilson set career highs in goals (20) and points (42) and tied a personal best in assists (22) in 2014-15.

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**Colin Wilson**  
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**DIVING BENFEITO, FILION TAKE PLUNGE FOR SILVER** Canadian divers Maeghan Benfeito, left, and Roseline Filion won the silver medal in the women's synchronized 10-metre platform at the FINA World Championships on Monday in Kazan, Russia. The result earned an Olympic spot for Canada in the event. Filion of Laval, Que., and Montreal's Benfeito won a gold medal together in the same event at the Pan Am Games. CHRISTOPHE SIMON/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

# Toronto's path to hosting Olympics just got 'easier'

## SUMMER GAMES

### Boston no longer vying for 2024 event

Boston's withdrawal from the race to host the 2024 Summer Olympics could make a potential Toronto bid "far more attractive," particularly if no other American city steps up to the plate, experts said Monday.

"The Boston decision today certainly makes the landscape easier for a Canadian bid, a Toronto bid," said Bruce Kidd, an Olympics expert at the University of Toronto.

"With no U.S. bid, a Canadian bid has a much stronger argument," he said, noting that by 2024, it will have been almost three decades since the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, the last time the Summer Games were held in North America.

A spokesman for the U.S. Olympic Committee said Monday that the organization has severed ties with Boston, where the prospect of a bid for the '24 Summer Games was met with low public support and an active opposition group.

Scant time remains for the organization to find another potential host city — the deadline to register interest

with the International Olympic Committee is Sept. 15. But there is speculation Los Angeles could be in the running.

The absence of a U.S. candidate "would mean that there would only be one North American for the Games, and obviously that is a simpler situation," said John Furlong, who led the bid and the organizing committee for the Vancouver Winter Games.

"The lineup of cities in this particular round of bidding for the Summer Games is formidable but obviously it would make it a little bit easier," he said. "But Los Angeles and San Francisco would be very strong, I think, if they decided to get into it as well."

Paris, Rome, Budapest, Hungary, and Hamburg, Germany, have indicated they will apply.

## + FOCUS SHIFTS TO RIO

Feeling a summer-sport void now that the Pan American Games are over? It won't last long — the opening ceremonies for the 2016 Summer Olympics are just over 13 months away.

Canada's objective in Rio de Janeiro is a top-12 finish in total medals among the 200-plus participating countries.

For that to happen, Canada's divers, swimmers, row-

ers, wrestlers and paddlers need to come through, augmented by some track and field, cycling and trampoline medals.

"They're the bread and butter," Own The Podium chief executive officer Anne Merklinger said. "If we don't perform well in those sports in terms of multi-medal potential, then we're going to struggle to meet our targets."

The winning city will be chosen in 2017.

Talk of a third Toronto Olympic bid has followed the city's successful Pan Am Games, which wrapped up Sunday.

Toronto Mayor John Tory

said he wants to let the dust settle before making a decision, adding that officials will conduct a "careful analysis" to determine whether a bid is in the city's best interest.

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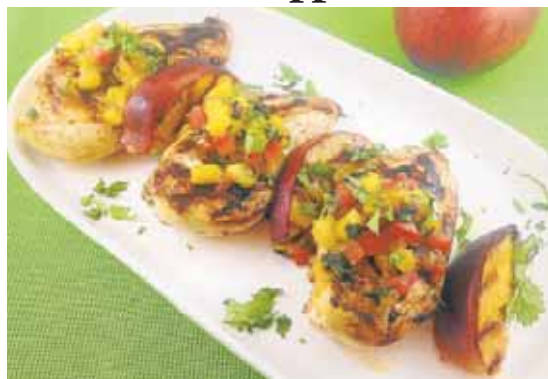


**This is a serious, rational decision that has to be made.**

Toronto Mayor John Tory



## RECIPE Grilled Chicken with Peach and Bell Pepper Salsa



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Ripe peaches are a delicacy this time of year. You can also use nectarines or plums.

### Serves 4

### Ready in

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 12 minutes

### Ingredients

- 1 1/2 lb boneless chicken breasts
- 1 cup finely diced peeled ripe peaches
- 1/3 cup finely diced red bell pepper
- 1/4 cup finely diced red onion
- 2 Tbsp orange juice
- 2 tsp olive oil
- 1 tsp honey (or to taste)
- 2 Tbsp chopped cilantro

### Directions

**1.** If you have time, marinate the chicken breasts for at least one hour.

**2.** Grill the chicken on medium heat, just until cooked or temperature reaches 165 F, approximately eight to 12 minutes.

**3.** In a bowl, combine remaining ingredients except for cilantro. Add to skillet and cook for one minute or just until warm. Add cilantro and spoon over chicken.

### Nutrition per serving

- Calories 262
- Protein 39.4 g
- Carbohydrates 13 g
- Fibre 0.6 g
- Total fat 4.7 g
- Saturated fat 0.6 g
- Cholesterol 99 mg
- Sodium 211 mg

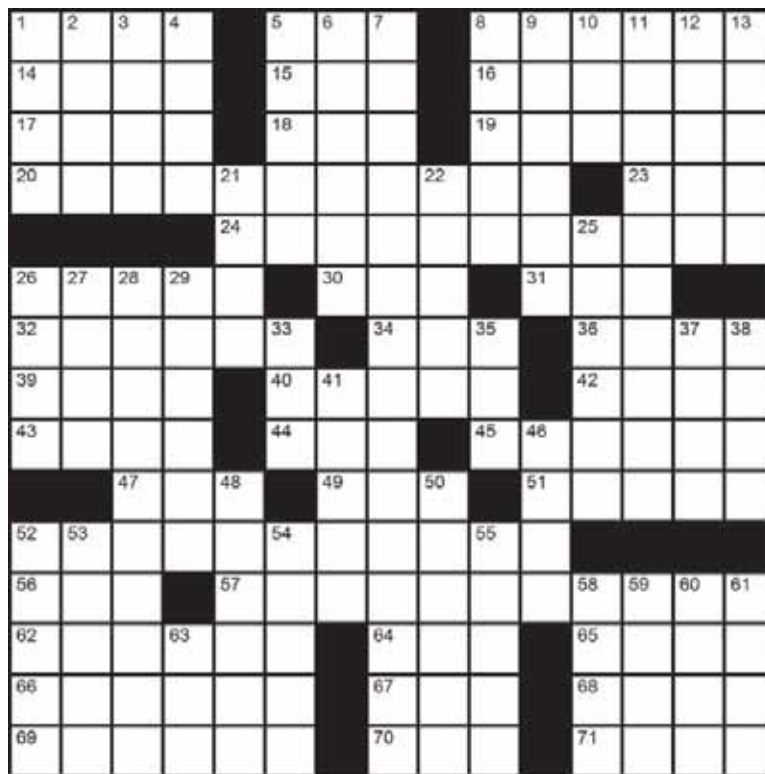
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## CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

### ACROSS

- Pickle holders
- Wee washroom
- Was an appreciative restaurant customer
- Double-reed woodwind
- Earlier, poetically
- Southern Manitoba town
- Criticize
- Tread the boards
- Chef, when making everything on the dish look nice before the waiter takes it, say
- Northern and Southern on the globe
- Ms. Adams
- Fly extinct reptile fly!
- Paul McCartney's nickname
- Chest bone
- "\_hool"
- Roman Myth: Dawn goddess
- Modern
- Glasgow's country [abbr.]
- Eminem song
- Successful song
- Bible pronoun
- Goblins
- That lady
- Laundry challenges
- Greyhound vehicle
- Group of Seven painter Mr. Jackson, et al.
- Talk show legend
- Ms. Winfrey's biblical



name as it appeared on her birth certificate  
52. Hollowed-bear-bone healing aid used by shamans of the Tsimshian people in British Columbia: 2 wds.  
56. NFL teams division, e.g.

57. Shakespearean comedy: 4 wds.  
62. Alarm clock responders  
64. Way to travel [abbr.]  
65. King Atahualpa, for one  
66. Pot holder  
67. Certain canine

68. Arf!  
69. Groups of eight  
70. Operative  
71. "Say it \_ so!"

### DOWN

1. Mr. Brolin  
2. Fit to partake  
3. Rove  
4. \_-sweet choc-

olate  
5. Jumped  
6. Robin Hood, for one  
7. Former military branch... RCAVC = Royal Canadian Army \_  
8. Recorded  
9. "My sentiments

exactly": 2 wds.  
10. Harper Valley gr.  
11. One-of-some in a bag of Canadian snack brand Miss Vickie's: 2 wds.  
12. Foe  
13. Ms. Hannah  
21. Box  
22. Court garbs  
25. Movie's billing sharer  
26. Long-running military comedy  
27. Highway honker  
28. k-os hit, Juno-winner for Single of the Year in 2005  
29. Sort of diplomat  
33. Cigar residue  
35. Canadian actress Sandra's  
37. Charlie Chaplin's last wife  
38. 1975 ZZ Top song  
41. Like a craved-for acting role  
46. Ms. Spelling  
48. Frightened  
50. Black Eyed Peas hit: 2 wds.  
52. \_ \_ it (Carried out a task)  
53. Joan's two-worded following  
54. Li'l helpers  
55. Lyrical lament  
58. Fuzzy fruit  
59. Rock producer Brian's  
60. Desktop graphic  
61. William H. \_ (27th US President)  
63. Sister of Zsa Zsa

## ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
If you enjoy being the boss then you'll get every opportunity to show off your leadership skills. But remember that being the boss is about more than just giving orders.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
The one thing you most want to avoid is the thing you must face up to today. Something that has been causing you a great deal of worry can now be dealt with but it will take a lot of courage on your part.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Friends will go out of their way to help so don't just sit there like everything is fine. No matter how independent-minded you are, you still need a helping hand now and again.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
If you need to persuade someone to give you something you will no doubt be successful today. But they will give even more if you wait until Friday's full moon.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
So many things are going right now that you are beginning to believe a breakthrough is possible. It is. Keep dreaming about a brighter future. It won't be a dream for long.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
You may find it difficult to make up your mind today. Your problem is that you are worrying about things that will probably never happen. Lighten up a bit - life is supposed to be enjoyed.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Not only are you in tune with the spirit of the times but you believe you have found your special place and role in the world. It's good to feel you are doing something worthwhile. It's good to make a difference.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
You need to find the courage to make a difficult decision. Keep reminding yourself that change is not something to be avoided.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Approach the day in a positive frame of mind and you'll accomplish a lot. Approach the day with negativity and you'll accomplish the same amount but you won't get much joy from it.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
If your instincts tell you you're on the right track then you must trust them. Let them guide you and the next few days will be a lot of fun.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Certain people may not deserve your support but you will give it anyway. Later in the week, when the moon is full in your sign, it is you who will need assistance. Think of good deeds as an investment.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
You must spend some time planning what you are going to do. It will enable you to get twice as much done as you would have had you rushed in and hoped for the best.

## CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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